

## SENATE BILL No. 224

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 16-18-2-313.5; IC 16-41-40.5.

**Synopsis:** Reflex sympathetic dystrophy syndrome education. Requires the state department of health to establish a reflex sympathetic dystrophy syndrome education program to educate residents and health professionals concerning the syndrome. Establishes the reflex sympathetic dystrophy syndrome education account consisting of grants and donations. Makes a continuing appropriation.

**Effective:** July 1, 2006.

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January 9, 2006, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health and to make an appropriation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-18-2-313.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: **Sec. 313.5. "Reflex sympathetic**  
4 **dystrophy syndrome", for purposes of IC 16-41-40.5, has the**  
5 **meaning set forth in IC 16-41-40.5-1.**

6 SECTION 2. IC 16-41-40.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
7 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
8 JULY 1, 2006]:

9 **Chapter 40.5. Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome**  
10 **Education Program**

11 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "reflex sympathetic dystrophy**  
12 **syndrome" or "syndrome" means a chronic neurological syndrome**  
13 **that is characterized by:**

- 14 (1) severe burning pain;  
15 (2) pathological changes in bone and skin;  
16 (3) tissue swelling; and  
17 (4) extreme sensitivity to touch.



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1       **Sec. 2. (a) The state department shall establish a program**  
 2       **focusing on education, awareness, and early detection of reflex**  
 3       **sympathetic dystrophy syndrome.**

4       **(b) The program must promote public awareness of reflex**  
 5       **sympathetic dystrophy syndrome through written materials and**  
 6       **other forms of communication designed to educate Indiana**  
 7       **residents about the syndrome.**

8       **(c) The state department may cooperate with a nonprofit**  
 9       **organization with experience in and knowledge of reflex**  
 10       **sympathetic dystrophy syndrome to establish and implement the**  
 11       **program required under this section.**

12       **Sec. 3. The program described in section 2 of this chapter must**  
 13       **provide for the distribution of information that includes the**  
 14       **following:**

15           **(1) The nature and possible causes of the syndrome.**

16           **(2) Risk factors that may contribute to the manifestation of**  
 17           **the syndrome.**

18           **(3) Available treatment options, including the risks and**  
 19           **benefits of each treatment.**

20           **(4) Available diagnostic, treatment, and support services in**  
 21           **Indiana.**

22       **Sec. 4. The state department may work with:**

23           **(1) the office of the secretary of family and social services;**

24           **(2) other state and local governmental agencies;**

25           **(3) health care professionals;**

26           **(4) health care associations; and**

27           **(5) community organizations;**

28       **to coordinate and implement a program to educate health**  
 29       **professionals concerning reflex sympathetic dystrophy syndrome**  
 30       **and the information described in section 3 of this chapter.**

31       **Sec. 5. (a) The reflex sympathetic dystrophy syndrome**  
 32       **education account is established within the state general fund to**  
 33       **carry out this chapter. The account shall be administered by the**  
 34       **state department.**

35       **(b) Expenses of administering the account shall be paid from**  
 36       **money in the account.**

37       **(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the account**  
 38       **not currently needed to meet the obligations of the account in the**  
 39       **same manner as other public money may be invested. Money in the**  
 40       **account at the end of a fiscal year does not revert to the state**  
 41       **general fund.**

42       **(d) The account consists of money accepted by the state**

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1 department from grants and donations from public and private  
2 entities.

3 (e) Money in the account is continuously appropriated for the  
4 purposes provided under this chapter.

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